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IN THE CLAIMS

Amendments to the Claims

A Listing of Claims is provided as follows and will replace any previous listing. No new matter has been added.

Listing of Claims:

1-99. (Canceled)

100. (New) An eraser for erasing information from a substrate, comprising:

an elastic material for erasing, the elastic material is selected from the group consisting of (a) a plastic-based eraser composition, (b) a rubber-based composition, and (c) an elastomer-based eraser composition; and

a skeleton structure,

the skeleton structure is constituted by a porous structural material and composed of a skeleton portion and a void portion, the void portion is filled with the elastic material, the skeleton portion is made from an organic polymer, the organic polymer contains a thermosetting resin selected from the group consisting of melamine-based resin, epoxy-based resin, urethane-based resin, and phenol-based resin, the skeleton portion of the skeleton structure has an average thickness from greater than 1 µm to 100 µm, and the void portion of the skeleton structure has an average pore size of 20 µm to 3 mm.

- 101. (New) The eraser of claim 100, wherein a filling rate of the elastic material is set in the range of less than 100% with respect to the entire volume of the void portion in the porous structural material.
- 102. (New) The eraser of claim 100, wherein a filling rate of the elastic material is set in the range from 60% to 80% with respect to the entire volume of the void portion in the porous structural material.

- 103. (New) The eraser of claim 100, wherein the skeleton portion of the skeleton structure has an average thickness of 10 μ m to 50 μ m, the void portion of the skeleton structure has an average pore size of 10 μ m to 3 mm.
- 104. (New) The craser of claim 100, wherein the plastic-based eraser composition comprises a plasticizer and a vinylchloride-based resin selected from the group consisting of polyvinyl chloride, vinylchloride-vinylacetate-based resins, vinylchloride-ethylene-vinylacetate-based resins, and vinylacetate-based resins.
- 105. (New) The eraser of claim 100, wherein the rubber-based eraser composition includes a rubber component, a factice, a softener, sulfur, and a vulcanizing accelerator.
- 106. (New) The eraser of claim 100, wherein the elastic material includes a thermoplastic elastomer.
- 107. (New) The eraser of claim 100, further comprising a surface hardness of 50 to 80 as measured according to JIS S6050, a sticking strength of 1.5 to 20 kgf, a coefficient of friction of not more than 0.8 and a wear rate of not less than 1%.
- 108. (New) The eraser of claim 100, wherein the elastic material is a cured material of a composition in a sol-state which comprises a vinyl chloride-based resin and a plasticizer.
- 109. (New) The eraser of claim 100, wherein the elastic material is a cured material of a composition in a sol-state which comprises a vinyl acetate-based resin and a plasticizer.
- 110. (New) The eraser of claim 100, wherein the skeleton structure is continuous.
- 111. (New) The eraser of claim 100, wherein the elastic material has a filling rate in a range from not less than 50% to less than 100% with respect to an entire volume of the void portion of the porous structural material.

- 112. (New) The eraser of claim 100, wherein the porous structural material contains a cross-sectional shape with virtually polygonal or virtually circular cells.
- 113. (New) The craser of claim 100, wherein the porous structural material is a foamed structural material.
- 114. (New) The eraser of claim 100, wherein the porous structural material is a mesh structural material.
- 115. (New) The eraser of claim 100, wherein the porous structural material is a stereoscopic mesh structural material.
- 116. (New) The eraser of claim 100, wherein the porous structural material has a tensile strength of not more than 3 kgf/cm².
- 117. (New) The eraser of claim 100, wherein the porous structural material has an extension percentage of not more than 500%.
- 118. (New) The eraser of claim 100, wherein the porous structural material has a compression repulsive force of not less than 0.2 kgf.
- 119. (New) The eraser of claim 100, wherein the porous structural material has a tensile strength of not more than 3 kgf/cm², an extension percentage of not less than 500%, and a compression repulsive force of not less than 0.2 kgf.
- 120. (New) The eraser of claim 100, wherein at least one of the porous structural material and the elastic material is colored.
- 121. (New) The eraser of claim 100, wherein the skeleton structure is constituted by a plurality of blocks of porous structural materials.

- 122. (New) The eraser of claim 121, wherein the blocks have at least one shape selected from the group consisting of spherical, polygonal, and plate shapes.
- 123. (New) The eraser of claim 100, further comprising an exchanging-use eraser of a type selected from the group consisting of a feeding-type eraser, a knocking-type eraser, an eraser attached to an end of a mechanical pencil, and an electric-type eraser.
- 124. (New) An electric-eraser comprising:

an eraser holder; and

an eraser attached to the holder, the eraser comprising:

an elastic material for erasing, the elastic material is selected from the group consisting of (a) a plastic-based eraser composition, (b) a rubber-based composition, and (c) an elastomer-based eraser composition; and

a skeleton structure,

the skeleton structure is constituted by a porous structural material and composed of a skeleton portion and a void portion, the void portion is filled with the elastic material, the skeleton portion is made from an organic polymer, the organic polymer contains a thermosetting resin selected from the group consisting of melamine-based resin, epoxy-based resin, urethane-based resin, and phenol-based resin, the skeleton portion of the skeleton structure has an average thickness from 1 μ m to 100 μ m, and the void portion of the skeleton structure has an average pore size of 20 μ m to 3 mm.

- 125. (New) The eraser of claim 124, wherein at least one of the porous structural material and the elastic material is colored.
- 126. (New) The eraser of claim 124, wherein the skeleton structure is constituted by a plurality of blocks of porous structural materials.

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127. (New) The eraser of claim 126, wherein the blocks have at least one shape selected from the group consisting of spherical, polygonal, and plate shapes.